

## SENIOR PASTOR

# SUMMERTIME RHYTHMS

*"Daddy, we only have 17 and a half days left!"*

For the past two months, my children have provided a running countdown to summer. Like most school aged-children, summer only begins when classes end.

They are amped up and ready for that last bell as much as any other student out there. It's not that they dislike school. Rather, they look forward to all the great things summer means to them baseball games, swimming in the lake, Vacation Bible School, time with family, and long days playing with their friends. For them, summer stands for an increase in the things they love, not the cessation of the something they tolerate.

Summer is an interesting time here in East Lansing. Many people retreat for days, weeks, even months at a time to the cooler weather by the water in northern Michigan. The college students return home for their well earned break and many of their professors study somewhere exotic and exciting outside of our beloved campus.

All of these things usually lead to a diminished attendance everywhere in East Lansing. Yet there is still plenty of life and activity at The Peoples Church, as well as all around us in downtown. In addition to the many wonderful festivals and farmer's market that meets just outside our church doors, we have a number of church events we'd love to see you at this summer.

As part of a new twist to an old favorite, we are using Wednesday evenings this summer as a chance to worship in the chapel with the same service we offer on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Each Wednesday, we will offer a free and healthy meal in the Friendship Hall (5:30-6:15 p.m.) before moving to the chapel for worship (6:15-6:45 p.m.) and then ending our evening with our walk/run group starting at the church or a yoga class in the Robertson Room (6:45-7:30 p.m.). Childcare will be available. We'd love to see you at worship sometime midweek this summer to offer thanksgiving to God for the beauty we are blessed to enjoy.

During August, I am very pleased to announce that I will be back in Scotland with my family as part of a pulpit swap with The Glens and Kirriemuir Kirk in Angus, Scotland. Their pastor, the Rev. Malcolm Rooney will be our guest here at The Peoples Church, preaching August 2, 9, and 16. Come enjoy Rev. Rooney's leadership as I share my ministry to his congregation across the pond.

Friends, it is a wonderful time in Michigan to praise God for the many blessings we continue to receive. Won't you join us at The Peoples Church as we share in worship of our faithful Lord who calls us to love, forgive and share with all our neighbors?

Peace be with you now and throughout the summer,

*Pastor Andrew*



## OUTREACH

### OVER \$10,000 COLLECTED FOR NEPAL RELIEF

Last month The Peoples Church raised more than \$10,000 to support disaster relief following the April earthquake in Nepal, including more than \$6,300 collected as part of a special Sunday offertory, more than \$1,200 raised at a special concert by students from the MSU College of Music and a \$3,000 gift made by the Community Engagement Ministry.

The funds were sent to support relief efforts led by Church World Service and the American Red Cross.

## CHALLENGE TO LOVE

### 21 FEET OF HAIR DONATED

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in our year-long Challenge to Love and the May 20 WNL! haircut event. More than 21 feet of hair was donated to the Michigan-based Children with Hair Loss from members and friends of The Peoples Church in memory of Charlie Waller.

## FINANCE REPORT

### BUDGET IN 'GOOD SHAPE' AFTER FIRST THIRD OF YEAR

During the May 26 monthly meeting of the Council of Elders, church Treasurer David Ronk, Jr. reported that the 2015 budget was "in good shape" through the first third of the year. General Fund revenues came in at nearly 40 percent of budgeted income (\$412,979) while expenses were at 33 percent of projected spending (\$342,481).

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

\*80 & OVER

- 1 - Jeanette Minkel
- 4 - Shirley Guider
- 5 - Louise Stilwill
- 5 - Charles Moore
- 8 - Mary Nash
- 11 - Tony Bauer
- 12 - Phyllis Willis
- 20 - Richard Belding
- 23 - Mary Zehner
- 25 - Iola Zick
- 26 - Jo Hacker
- 26 - Sylvia Rundquist
- 28 - Martha Grambau
- 29 - Mary Culham

### ANNIVERSARIES

\*MILESTONE & 60+

- 10 - Jack & Jean Draper (70)
- 18 - Don & Evelyn Davis (60)
- 18 - Lary & Mary Hill (60)
- 19 - Robert & Helen Ward (61)
- 21 - James & Barbara Papazian (40)
- 26 - Curt & Mary Lou Liechty (50)
- 28 - Larry & Debbie Galehouse (40)

*If we missed you, please accept our apology.  
Contact the office to make sure we have your  
correct information on file.*

## OUTREACH

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUPPORTS PCYG MISSION TRIP, DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS, HAVEN HOUSE

During its May 12 meeting, the Community Engagement Ministry voted to support the Peoples Church Youth Group's annual summer mission trip by covering the \$968 cost of van rental.

Seventeen youth and three adult chaperones will participate in the service trip to Re-Member work sites on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota from July 10-18.

The ministry team also approved a \$1,500 gift to Doctors Without Borders to be used "where most needed in the world."

In addition the group approved spending up to \$750 on household cleaning products to be donated to Haven House for "exit buckets" given to families transitioning from the shelter to affordable housing. The ministry team supports Haven House in this way each year.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

### BOILER PROJECT MOVES AHEAD

Project specifications for the replacement of the church's aged boiler system are in and have been sent to a number of contractors for bids. The Building & Grounds Ministry expects to make a recommendation to begin work on the project to Council of Elders at its June meeting.

The Snider Social Hall bathroom remodel has begun and is on target for completion by the end of June.

Other recently completed projects include the replacement of the flooring in Peoples Church Preschool Room 207-A and installing a wireless fire alarm in the youth den to bring the room up-to-date with fire safety regulations.

## FISCHBACH LIBRARY

### THANK YOU, USED BOOK SALE EARNS \$700 FOR LIBRARY

This year's Used Book Sale was a success! Our thanks go out to all the volunteers who participated in the sale May 16 and 17. All your hard work was greatly appreciated and enabled us to earn more than \$700 for books and materials for The Peoples Church Fischbach Library. Once again, thank you to our volunteers and all who purchased books during the sale. We couldn't have done it without you. *- Carol Jacob, Library Committee*

## WOMEN OF PEOPLES CHURCH

### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED ANNUAL JEWELRY SALE

Amazing! Incredible! For each of you who contributed to our smashingly successful Women of Peoples Church Jewelry Sale on May 16 and 17, our appreciation abounds! To our contributors, patrons and volunteers, thank you a million times plus! Andy Mayville, you and your staff supported us every step of the way. Our gratitude always! *- Emily Anderson, WPC member*

### PEOPLES 101 | JUNE 7

Interested in learning more about The Peoples Church? We will host our monthly informal Peoples 101 Q&A session next Sunday, June 7, in the Robertson Room following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. All are welcome.

### FARMER'S MARKET OPENS NEXT SUNDAY

The East Lansing Farmer's Market begins its season next Sunday in Valley Court Park across from The Peoples Church. The growers-only market will be hosted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Sunday from June 7 through Oct. 25.

### 'UNDIE SUNDAYS' | JUNE 7 - AUG. 9

The Community Engagement Ministry will collect new packaged underwear, t-shirts and socks each Sunday this summer for local families in need. Donations may be placed in the outreach baskets. Donations will be delivered to Judson Memorial Church in Lansing at summer's end to support their outreach ministry efforts.

### EDGEWOOD GARDEN WORKDAY | JUNE 20

Our next Edgewood Village Partnership garden workday will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 20. Contact Theresa Boyd at 203-241-8108 or tjean50@gmail.com to volunteer your time.

### SAVE THE DATE: LUGNUTS GAME | AUG. 23

Mark your summer calendars: Our annual Peoples Church outing to see the Lugnuts is booked for 2:05 p.m. on Aug. 23. Watch for more information coming this summer.

### A NEW HOME FOR YOUR ARTIFICIAL TREES, PLANTS AND FLOWERS

Are you spring cleaning? Consider donating your no-longer-wanted, pre-lit artificial 10-foot Christmas tree and/or large silk green plants, such as ficus trees or palms to the church decorating committee. We are also in need of long-stem silk branches and flowers. Contact Pat Brogan 517-337-1446 or Val Nilson 517-349-1722 to make a donation.



### MEMORIAL DEDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY FLOWERS

Sunday Floral Dedications offer members weekly opportunities to celebrate important moments and remember loved ones. Dedications for Sanctuary Flowers may be reserved with a memorial gift of \$85 made payable to The Peoples Church. Gifts benefit the Sanctuary Fund. Sundays may be reserved by using the sign-up notebook located at the Welcome Center or contacting the Church Office at 517-332-5073.

### WNL! MENU

COMMUNITY MEAL  
5:30 P.M., FRIENDSHIP HALL



#### JUNE 10

Tacos with all the fixings,  
Spanish Rice, Seasonal Fruit  
and Cookies

#### JUNE 17

Grilled Pork Loin, Red Skin  
Potatoes, Baked Beans,  
Tossed Salad, Seasonal Fruit  
and Rice Crispy Treats

#### JUNE 24

BBQ Chicken,  
Potato Salad, Seasonal  
Vegetables, Sliced Melon

### A NOTE ABOUT PARKING:

It has come to our attention that some of our members have missed worshipping with us on Sundays during the past few weeks because they are unable to find close parking and have a difficult time walking much distance to get into church. With the limited space of our parking lot, it is perhaps a good time to remind everyone that metered and non-permit lot parking in East Lansing is free on Sundays. Especially now that the weather is nice, we encourage members and families who are able, to park in one of the downtown city lots on Sunday mornings and enjoy the few blocks walk to church. This would be a generous and appreciated courtesy for those who need to take advantage of parking nearest to the church.

## WOMEN OF PEOPLES CHURCH

### DEBORAH CIRCLE

Meeting times vary. Contact Rachell Pomerville at 517-580-4904.

### DORCAS CIRCLE

Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Contact Dee Toth at 517-482-4414 or Susan Coopes at 517-339-0450.

### PHOEBE CIRCLE

Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of September, November, January, and April at 9 a.m. Contact Renate Carey at 517-324-0262 or Lois Huldin at 517-332-3160.

### REBEKAH/HANNAH CIRCLE

Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of each month at 12:30 or 1 p.m. Contact Cindy Carson at 517-862-8896 or Gretchen Rosenbrook at 517-332-5132.

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Summer Series

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! RETURNS JUNE 10**

**5:30 p.m.** | Community Meal, Friendship Hall

**6:15 p.m.** | Worship Service with Communion & Sunday Scripture, McCune Chapel

**6:45 p.m.** | Run/Walk Group, MSU Campus & Free Yoga Class, Robertson Room

*Infant through third-grade childcare available 6:15p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*